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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/745,702  
Applicant(s) : Nabil Salman et al.  
Filed : December 21, 2000  
Title : Portable Packaging Device and Method For Forming  
Individually Packaged Articles  
TC/A.U. : 3721  
Examiner : Thanh K. Truong  
Conf. No. : 9701  
Docket No. : 8384  
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**REPLY AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.113 AND**  
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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2004, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this response.

*Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.*